

Service Date: November 25, 1992

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER Of The Application)	
Of CUT BANK GAS COMPANY For)	UTILITY DIVISION
Authority To Decrease Charges For)	DOCKET NO. 92.11.69
Natural Gas Service.)	ORDER NO. 5670
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INTERIM ORDER

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Cut Bank Gas Company (Applicant) applied to this Commission for an order authorizing a decrease in the rates Applicant charges for natural gas service. The application sought authority to decrease rates in order to reflect all decreased costs resulting from rates granted The Montana Power Company (Company) in Docket No. 92.11.64.
2. On November 23, 1992, the Commission's Order No. 5667 granted Montana Power Company a natural gas rate decrease.
3. Order No. 5667 will decrease the purchased gas costs to Applicant.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Applicant is a "public utility" within the meaning of Section 69-3-101, MCA.
2. The Montana Public Service Commission properly exercises jurisdiction over the Applicant's Montana operations pursuant to Title 69, Chapter 3, MCA.

3. Section 69-3-304, MCA, provides in part, "The Commission may, in its discretion, temporarily approve increases or decreases pending a hearing or final decision."

4. The rate levels and spread approved herein are reasonable. The rebate provisions of Section 69-3-304, MCA protect ratepayers in the event that any revenue authorized by this order are found to be unjustified in the final order in this Docket.

ORDER

1. Applicant is hereby granted interim relief reflecting Findings of Fact in this order.

2. Such relief is to become effective for services rendered on and after November 24, 1992, and remain in effect until such time as a final decision is reached in this matter.

3. The rates shall be collected upon a constant uniform cents per Mcf basis.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana this 23rd day of November by a 5 - 0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DANNY OBERG, Chairman

WALLACE W. "WALLY" MERCER, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

TED C. MACY, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: Any interested party may request that the Commission reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.